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Community *notes*

Howard County Math Festival

Be amazed at the 2nd annual HoCo Math Festival on Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Centennial High School (4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City) for K-12 students. This free event is sponsored by STEMulating Minds and Xapp Media. Discover that math is fun and enjoyable with presentations, demonstrations and workshops including Math Magicians, Rappers and Dancers. Representatives from the Baltimore Orioles, Peabody Institute, the US Air Force, and NCIS are expected to attend. All students, their friends and family are welcome to learn how math is used in the real world and about careers that use math.

Talk to NCIS Agents about what they really do.
Learn about how the Columbia Mall uses Math.
Find how video games are created.

Get to know what the numbers mean for the Baltimore Orioles.

Elementary school students will learn math rap songs and also learn how body movement is related to math.

Girls in elementary school will learn about a computer science program that is just for them.

Middle School students will learn how to send their friends secret messages and will also learn about the relationship between music and math.

High School students will learn about using math for making sounds.

All students will have fun finding out who is fastest in grabbing a dropping stick using statistical analysis and learn how to perform Magic with Math and Science.

Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Greeting

With the year-end holidays approaching, the opportunities to share abound. Join me in participating in the Howard County Food Bank's Thanksgiving Campaign. Let's help our neighbors who are experiencing tough times. You can, and do, make a difference.

May Kay

Teen Opportunities Fair This Saturday

Are you the parent of a teen and looking for a one-stop-shop of community resources in Howard County? Plan to



attend the Teen Opportunities Fair is Saturday, November 15 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Long Reach High School. This event for ages 11-17 connects youth with organizations that provide volunteer, leadership or recreation services. In previous years' more than 500 teens and their families interacted with a wide variety of

vendors. Presenters/exhibitors offered educational, recreational and career planning opportunities.

Thanks for Sharing

Wegmans is supporting the Community Action Council of Howard County's Thanksgiving Distribution by hosting the "Care about Hunger" campaign. Please consider helping with a donation of \$1, \$2, \$5 or more when shopping at Wegmans Columbia store. CAC hopes to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 800 families. Going to be away for the holiday? You may donate [online](#).

You Are Invited...

The Howard County NAACP Youth Council invites the community to two events this month.



Plan to attend the Holiday Flea Market, Craft/Bake Sale on Saturday, November 15, 2014, 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Ridgely's Run Community Center, 8400 Mission Road, Jessup, MD. Space available for \$15.00. Call 443/280-1935 for more information.

The Youth Council is hosting its 5th annual "Fighting Hunger" event on Sunday, November 23, 3:00 p.m. at the Ridgely's Run Community Center, 8400 Mission Road, Jessup. A hot meal is to be served and clothing, toiletries, blankets, shoes and food is to be given to those in need. If you wish to donate clothing, non-perishable food and/or financial support for this event, please call 443-280-1935.

Holiday Craft Shop

Hickory Ridge Community Association hosts its annual Holiday Craft Shop on Sunday, November 23, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at The Hawthorn Center (6175 Sunny Spring). Find unique, handcrafted gifts that your family and friends will love such as one-of-a-kind jewelry, scarves, photography, textiles, candies, cookies, ceramics, and more. All items are reasonably-priced and handmade. Admission to this wonderful community event is free.



Calling All Artists

Local artists, the spotlight's on you! Artists (aged 18 years and older) who live, work, or study in Howard County are invited to take part in *HoCo Open 2015*, a non-juried, biennial exhibit (January 16 – February 27). Simply bring one piece of original artwork completed in the past two years to the drop-off on January 8 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Artwork will be accepted for the exhibit on a first-come basis, one piece per artist, until the gallery is full. *HoCo Open* entry forms are available on the [Exhibits](#) page.

Town Center Holiday Events

Town Center Community Association invites you to its Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Historic Oakland. Browse for distinctive gifts for the entire family. The fair features more than 40 vendors. Admission is free.



Town Center Association hosts its annual Holiday Tea on Sunday, December 7, 3:30—5:30 p.m. Harpist Kristin Meyer performs beautiful holiday music. Look for the seasonal craft display with items available for purchase. Tickets are \$28 plus tax per person. Call 410-730-4744 or email tcvillage@columbiatowncenter.org to make your reservation.

News from the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County

Looking for a way to give back this holiday season as a volunteer or as a donor? Look no further than the [Holiday Guide to Giving 2014](#), featuring the holiday needs of 30+ local nonprofit agencies! Before you, your family or your business begin collecting items, check the guide to see what is on the wish lists of local agencies! Opportunities range from raking leaves, wrapping presents, delivering meals and holiday visits to donating food, gifts, clothing and gift cards. Would you like a pdf version to share? Visit the [Volunteer Center's website](#) and click on the link.

Conscious Discipline Workshops

Howard County's Office of Children's Services is offering a parenting workshop, *Setting Limits Without Guilt*. This is a two part series held on Monday, December 1 and Monday,



December 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 3300 North Ridge Road #240, in Ellicott City. There are many different parenting styles; some may be too firm and some may be too lenient. What is the right balance and how do you keep your relationship intact with

your child while making sure they do the right thing? Create stronger adult-child connections to support emotional/mental health while learning brain-body-heart connections which relate to emotional growth, the chemical basis for how and why to shift from relying on fear to relying on love in discipline, and strategies to use when life does not go as we planned or expected. See how this shift creates stronger adult-child connections, which supports emotional/mental health. Cost: \$15; see registration information below.

For more information or to register, please email children@howardcountymd.gov, call 410-313-1940 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/children.

Family Movie Night

Looking for a family holiday event that's a little different? Join the Hickory Ridge Community Association for its second annual Elf Movie Night on Friday, December 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at The Hawthorn Center. Come enjoy a family-oriented screening of the movie *Elf* (PG), starring Will Ferrell. During the movie, you can sample the treats at the candy bar, make your own paper chains and snowflakes, and even get your photo taken with "Buddy the Elf." We will also have door prizes, giveaways, and more! All this holiday fun is only \$5 per person, and we promise you'll leave full of Christmas cheer! Don't be a "cotton-headed ninny-muggins" - get your tickets in advance at www.hickoryridgevillage.org or stop by the village office.



Howard County Commission for Women Seeking 2015 Hall of Fame Nominations

Howard County's Commission for Women is seeking nominations for outstanding women to be inducted into the 2015 Women's Hall of Fame. This annual event honors Howard County women who have made significant contributions to Howard County, the State of Maryland or the nation through their profession and/or community service and who are models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, November 26.

To be eligible for this award, nominees may be either living or deceased and must have lived in Howard County for at least 10 years. Up to five women will be selected for induction at the Commission's annual Women's Hall of Fame ceremony, set to take place on March 12, 2015 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building in Ellicott City.

To obtain a copy of the nomination form, visit the Department of Citizen Services' [website](#), contact the Department at 410-313-6400 or request via e-mail, women@howardcountymd.gov.

Scholarship Program Applications Available

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Maggie J. Brown Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Award.

Up to six \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors from local high schools who have shown a history of providing community service to benefit Columbia residents and those in the Columbia area. For more than 25 years, Columbia Association (CA) has been recognizing high school seniors for outstanding service to their community.

The students must live on CA-assessed property, or have a parent/guardian who works full-time on CA-assessed property. Applicants must be graduating in May/June 2015 from an accredited public, private or parochial high school and need to have a minimum of a "C" cumulative grade point average (2.0).

Columbia Association employees, members of Board of Directors or family members of employees or members of the Board of Directors are not eligible to receive the award.

Applications are available online at ColumbiaAssociation.org/Scholarship. Completed applications must be submitted by March 15, 2015. For more information, call 410-715-3161 or email SpiritofColumbia@ColumbiaAssociation.org.

A Christmas Classic at Chesapeake Shakespeare Company

You are cordially invited to *A Christmas Carol* beginning Friday, December 5 at the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company's theatre. Enjoy the holiday tale, featuring a decidedly Baltimore twist in an original adaptation by Ian Gallanar.

Visit the CSC's [website](#) for tickets, parking info and all the details.

Upcoming Events:

21st Annual Symphony of Lights

Howard County General Hospital Foundation's 21st Annual Symphony of Lights opens Monday, November 17. Visit the event [webpage](#) for all the details!

Things to do that are free (or almost) in Howard County

Did you know that Howard County's Tourism & Promotion offers a list of 'things to do' that are fun, interesting and economical for the whole family? Check out the offerings on their [webpage](#). Enjoy!

Zoo Zoom 8K Race

Sunday, November 23 will dawn with a 'wild' run! Participate in the 8K or 1 mille family fun run through The Maryland Zoo at Baltimore. Visit the [website](#) for all the details. Online registration ends November 17.

Holiday Events at Historic Savage Mill

The entire family can enjoy special events during the holiday season at Savage Mill beginning Monday, November 22. Click [here](#) to see the list of events.

Lisbon Christmas Horse Parade

Main Street (Route 144) will be filled with holiday excitement on Saturday, December 13 beginning at 11:00 a.m. with the arrival of an array of horses, carriages, wagons and of course, a visit by Santa! Event sponsors ask attendees to bring non-perishable food items to benefit the Howard County and Carroll County Food Banks. For more information, visit the [website](#).



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